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1. (Currently Amended) An audio reproducing apparatus comprising:

audio reproducing device for reproducing audio information;

discriminating device for discriminating sound stream attribute contained in the audio information;

storing device for storing frequency character information set corresponding to the sound stream attribute;

renewing device for variably adjusting the frequency character information in accordance with the sound stream attribute discriminated by the discriminating device; and

control device for performing a control so that the renewing device can be variably adjusted in accordance with the frequency character information corresponding to the sound stream attribute discriminated by the discriminating device, and that the audio reproducing device can output the audio information.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

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5. (New) An audio reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
character storing device for storing a plurality of sound stream attributes and a plurality
of frequency characters;

selecting device for selecting a user's desired combination from the sound stream
attributes and the frequency characters; and

selection storing device for storing a selected combination.

6. (New) An audio reproducing apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein the control device controls the renewing device to renew a frequency character
in accordance with a combination stored in the selection storing device,

wherein when a discriminated sound stream attribute is not present in the selection
storing device, the control device controls the renewing device to renew a frequency character in
accordance with a sound stream attribute and a frequency character stored in the storing device.